



SAN JOSE CONSERVATION CORPS • CHARTER SCHOOL

San Jose Conservation Corps & Charter School is a nonprofit organization that provides youth with a quality high school education and teaches valuable work and life skills that empower them to become responsible, productive, and caring citizens.

June 5, 2008

Ms. Zeba Ebrahimi
Analyst
City of San Jose
Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services
200 East Santa Clara Street, 9th Floor
San Jose, California 95113

RE: San Jose Conservation Corps Youth Corps Program

Dear Ms. Ebrahimi,

We regret to inform you that we had to eliminate our YouthCorps program after fourteen years of operation. The reason we dissolved the program is simply lack of funding for the fiscal year 2008-09. Our funding from the State of California and the Federal Government has been substantially reduced for the upcoming year. In addition, we have not been able to raise funding from local corporations and foundations. Our major source of funding for the other departments of the San Jose Conservation Corps and Charter School are the fee for service programs we have. Since the YouthCorps involves minors, it prohibits us from supporting this department with these monies.

Fortunately, we were able to complete the school year and graduate our YouthCorps members on June 6, which is the last day for this group of students. They are aware the program is the victim of budget cuts and are very disappointed they will not have the opportunity to attend our summer program.

As a result, we will not be utilizing the HNMF funding from the City of San Jose for our YouthCorps program for the 2008-09 fiscal year. We humbly request that these funds be added to our HNMF YouthBuild contract with the City of San Jose.

If you have any questions or need any further clarification please do not hesitate to contact me at 408-515-4254 or via e-mail at bob@sjcccharterschool.org.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Hennessy
Founder and Executive Director

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